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**TO: BUNKER OPERATORS
COMMERCIAL VESSEL OPERATORS
MARINE TERMINAL OPERATORS
MARINE FACILITY OPERATORS
SHIP AGENTS
SHIP OWNERS, MASTERS AND OPERATORS
YACHT MARINAS**

SUPPLY OF BUNKERS BY ROAD TANKERS – NOTIFICATION TO THE AUTHORITY

The Authority for Transport in Malta directs the attention of all concerned to the provisions of the Dangerous Cargo Ships, Marine Terminals and Facilities and Bunkering Regulations (S.L. 499.12) (the “Regulations”) and reminds them that bunkering operations include the supply of bunkers by road tankers¹.

In terms of these Regulations, the Authority is hereby directing that with immediate effect, the supply of bunkers by road tankers must be notified to the Authority prior to such bunkering operations being carried out.

Notifications shall be made as follows:

- An email communication by the bunker operator shall be sent to Port Operations on bunkering.tm@transport.gov.mt not later than twelve (12) hours before the commencement of the bunkering operations.
- Full details of the supply are to be included in the tmSW pre-arrival notification concerning the receiving vessel and updated accordingly by the respective agent.
- The email notification and pre-arrival notification must include all the necessary and relevant details, including the date and time; the name of marine terminal/facility; the registration number of the road tanker; details of the bunker operator and the driver of the road tanker; the amount and type of fuel to be bunkered including whether duty paid or duty free; and the name and/or registration number of the receiving vessel and its length.

¹ “bunkering operations” means the actual operation of loading, discharging or transferring bunkers between a bunker barge or road tanker or marine terminal or marine facility and a receiving ship.



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- All email communications are to be copied to REWS and to Customs on the following respective email addresses:

bunkering24@rews.org.mt

fuel.customs@gov.mt

All bunker operators are hereby being reminded of all the other obligations found in the Regulations, especially the correct filling of the related checklists and the precautionary pollution-mitigation measures that must be in place prior to the start of all bunkering operations.

The Authority reminds all concerned that the safety of life, the prevention of pollution to the marine environment, the effective and efficient control of such pollution and the protection of the property of others is their prime obligation, responsibility, and consideration.

All concerned are also being advised that in the event of any non-compliance with the provisions of this Port Notice, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken by the other national entities involved, legal and, or enforcement action in terms of law will be taken by the Authority. This includes the imposition of administration fines and the suspension of the bunkering operations.

Those defaulting will be held fully responsible should there be any delays to the receiving vessel or third-party claims because of the non-compliance and suspension of the bunkering operations.



CAPTAIN FRITZ FARRUGIA
Chief Officer and Harbour Master
Ports & Yachting Directorate

16TH OCTOBER 2023